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Garrison Investigation Witness Victim Of Hit-Run Driver

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Who is getting too close to the truth in Southern California, is the \$64 question Jim Garrison might ask?

Does the "strange accident" which this weekend befell a Valley witness in the New Orleans' District Attorney's investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy add No. 37 to the list of 36 witnesses who have either met death or suffered mysterious accidents since Garrison's investigation began or was it just a coincidence?

The witness, whose identification is being withheld for his protection, was struck down after dark as he crossed a Valley street, by a speeding white car which had pulled away from the curb with lights out, according to reports.

The victim had just finished cashing his paycheck at a nearby store, as was his regular weekly routine.

The hit-run felony miraculously proved to be non-fatal, as the victim had stopped in his tracks as he sensed a car speeding toward him. The car struck him at the side, missing a full force impact by two steps, according to a spokesman who said the victim was ten feet from the curb when hit. There was an eye witness to the accident.

The victim suffered multiple bruises and abrasions and a severely sprained leg.

The witness has been closely involved in the Eugene Bradley case. Bradley is one of two named by Garrison to have conspired to assassinate the President. The other, Clay Shaw, is awaiting trial in New Orleans.

The local hit-run victim is reported to have supplied Garrison with important information on Bradley's activities. It has also been recently reported that Bradley upon at least one occasion has been seen conferring

with Dr. Stanley Drennan.

The North Valley Mail learned a statement had been issued several years ago by Dr. Drennan. In the statement, the doctor noted the visit of President Kennedy to the Los Angeles area while enroute to Hawaii, on Sat., June 10, 1963.

The doctor had issued his statement to delineate "harassment and threat on an American citizen by American government officials," using his words.

At 7 a.m. on June 10, according to the statement, two of his (Drennan's) acquaintances, one in El Monte, and one in West Hollywood, were visited by two Secret Service Agents of the Treasury Dept. from the local L.A. Treasury Office, as was a third acquaintance, and were questioned as to Dr. Drennan's loyalty to the country. The agents, according to Drennan, were cautious in stating that they were merely checking out rumors, but asked if the friends knew of Dr. Drennan's plan to assassinate the President.

Two material witnesses from the So. California area have been subpoenaed by Garrison, Lawrence Howard of

El Monte and Loran Hall of Kernville. Bradley lives in North Hollywood.

When Dr. Drennan learned of the agents' calls he telephoned the Secret Service. It was admitted, according to the doctor, that he was under investigation and a meeting was arranged at Dr. Drennan's home on Wed., June 14, 1963, with two Treasury agents.

The conference consisted of lengthy questioning and warnings regarding the President and his family, both actual and official. Three different times, according to Drennan, he was

accused of planning to assassinate the President and was told he could be put away on a mental charge. His inquiry as to why he had not been followed on the day of the Presidential visit here went unanswered, stated the doctor.

When asked if the President should be assassinated on any future trip such as the 'upcoming' trip abroad, would he, Dr. Brennan, be the No. 1 suspect, the men angrily said "yes", reported the doctor, and warned his activities could result in observation for mental balance.

Dr. Brennan claimed to have a tape recording of the interview.

On Aug. 1, according to the doctor, he received another call from the Internal Revenue Dept. informing him that he was to have his books ready for inspection on Mon., Aug. 5, 1963, at 3:30 p.m. His Certified Public Accountant handled the matter and no discrepancies were found, the statement said.

According to the doctor, the week before the assassination the employer of his son, who had spent his fifteenth summer working at a resort in Idaho, was contacted by Secret Service agents and questioned about his activities and about his father. Two days after the assassination, the FBI interviewed the employer and presented a photocopy of a letter the boy had written to a Los Angeles recipient, stated the doctor. The agents had said the letter was retrieved from a 'trash can'; however, said the doctor, in the cop and robber fantasy of youth, 'These boys had agreed previously to burn their cor-

respondence immediately upon receipt.'

There was also a representative from the subversive squad of the California Committee on Un-American Activities that traveled from Sacramento to Idaho to inquire into the activities of the boy, the statement said.

In a personal interview with former FBI Agent George Jensen, currently acting as attorney for Eugene Bradley, it was stated by the attorney that Bradley is fighting extradition to New Orleans partially because of the enormous expenses that would be incurred personally in making such a trip. A defense fund is being solicited in his behalf, but according to his attorney barely \$100 has been raised.

However, a personal friend who is helping solicit the defense funds quoted Bradley as stating after a third fund rally, approx. \$6,000, had been raised.

Bradley had a personal interview with Madame Nhu, widow of assassinated Premier Diem of South Vietnam the latter part of Oct. 1963 in a Los Angeles Hotel, according to an acquaintance. Bradley, reportedly, made a tape recording of the interview. The friend stated he has heard excerpts from the recording in which Madame Nhu expressed her thoughts regarding the Kennedy administration. Bradley also expressed his thoughts about Kennedy's position in Vietnam to his friend and further affirmed his thoughts to him following assassination of Kennedy.